

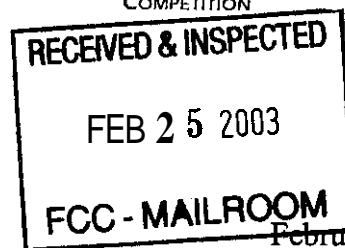
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Office of the Secretary
Attention: Secretary Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: "Motion to Accept Filing as Timely Filed"

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") respectfully submits this letter as a motion to accept the attached CompTel Reply Comments in response to the FCC's *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on Possible Reform of International Settlements Policy (ISP)/International Simple Resale (ISR)* (DA No. 02-3314) (IB Docket Nos. 96-261, 02-324) as timely filed. The tumultuous weather and blizzard conditions from February 15th to the late evening of the 19th stranded traveling staff and prevented their return to the Washington, D.C. area, thus precluding CompTel and its Members from finalizing these Reply Comments. Accordingly, CompTel filed the above-mentioned Reply Comments in the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) on February 20th, one day past the deadline of February 19th.

On behalf of CompTel and its Member companies, thank you for your sincere consideration and understanding in the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan R. Schultz".

Susan R. Schultz

Policy Associate & Paralegal